

## JUSTIFICATION

I am requesting a permit to be able to retain my existing carport, which was recently replaced after sustaining wind damage on 7/18/06. The carport was originally installed approximately six years ago when I began caring for my disabled mom in my home. Because she was paralyzed on her left side, it was difficult and took quite some time, to transfer her in and out of the car several times per week for therapy and medical appointments, often times in inclement weather, and in unbearable heat during the summer months.

I am a single self-supporting senior, and the carport helps keep the front of my home, where I spend the majority of my time, much cooler, thus keeping my power bill lower; it provides shade for my car and my property and I have been told by many of my neighbors that, aesthetically, it is very attractive. Additionally, my grandchildren spend a considerable amount of time at my home, and they appreciate being able to play under the patio cover and carport during the hot summer months. As I am sure you can imagine, the carport and patio cover were very costly, and to have them simply torn down is exceedingly disheartening. I have been in this town for thirty one years, and am not in the habit of breaking the law. I was not aware, 6 years ago when I had the carport and patio cover installed, that permits were required. I was told, apparently erroneously, that as long as they were not permanent fixtures ( i.e.,made of stucco, etc.), and my neighbors did not object to them, permits were not required. My home is located in the middle of the block and my carport is not blocking anyone's view and therefore is not a detriment to anyone.

I am requesting your consideration for a permit for the existing carport at 345 Wisteria Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,



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